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SPA Convention At Long Beach

Australian 2/-Airmail In Fall

Australia will release a 2/- air-mail some time this fall to mark the opening of round the world air services. In announcing this PMG Davidson stated that as Australia had been granted air transit facili had been granted that as Australia had been granted air transit facilities across the United States, Quantas Empire Airways would be able to fly a world circuit from and to Australia.

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Canadian Stamp For October Royal Visit

Postmaster General William Hamilton, of Canada has announced that the Post Office Department will issue a special stamp to commemorate the visit to Canada in October of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

The tradition of recognizing a visit of the reigning sovereign will be continued for the forthcoming visit of the Queen and

Work is well advanced on the design and engraving of the stamp to be issued and details of the design will be announced at a later date.

Show And Cachet For N.M.P.A. In November

The New Mexico Philatelic Assn. will hold its 1957 annual convention and exhibition in the Carlsbad Municipal Library Annex. Carlsbad, N. M. November 21-23. The Carlsbad Stamp Club, host for the convention is preparing a special cacheted cover of the famed Carlsbad Caverns. Postmaster Horace Hubert has assured the N.M.P.A. of a special handstamp and a philatelic station for the occasion.

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Collectors Urged To Come West For Stamping Along The Old California Mission Trail

Waller A. Sager

Many stamp collectors will be using the SPA convention at Long Beach as an excuse to take the family on that long-promised trip to California, and in so doing ought by all means to take advantage of the opportunity to travel up and down the state and enjoy its many scenic, cultural, and historical features. All tourists like to take back souvenirs and the stamp collector likes to take back something in his album. Come along, then, and learn of a simple, inexpensive album of California history can be made even if you are not fortunate enough to visit the Golden Gate, but must remain at home.

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made strong enough to justify the album space.

Mission Dolores, whose proper name is Mission San Francisco de Asis (Assisi), appears on Scott type A154 of Ecuador, a series issued to commemorate the San Francisco's World's Fair of 1939. The mission was founded in 1776, 5 days before (Continued on page 15)

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There will be a 300-frame exhibi-

tend this 1957 Convention.

There will be a 300-frame exhibition in the Municipal Fuditorium, which is on the ocean front at the foot of American Ave. It has over 50,000 square feet of exhibit space. There will be a dealers bourse located around the exhibit hall where every stampic need will be ably attended to by well known and reliable dealers.

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ner.
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9:00 A. M.—Santa Catalina Island Trip.
8:00 P. M.—Buffet dinner and get-to-gether of officers, members and friends—Pageant Room, Wilton Hotel.

Thursday, August 15

9:00 A. M.-Registration of members and visitors at Municipal Audi-

torium.

10:00 A. M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.

10:00 A. M.—Ist S. P. A. Business Meeting—Committee Room #1Municipal Auditorium.

12:30 P. M.—Luncheon and Style Show, Sky-Room, Wilton Hotel.

2:00 P. M.—"Ghost Town" and Knott's Berry Farm Trip.

10:00 P. M.—Exhibition and bourse close.

Friday August 16

9:00 A. M.—Philatelic Breakfast, Empire Room, Wilton Hotel 10:00 A. M.—Registration of members and visitors at Municipal Auditorium.

torium.

10:00 A. M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.

11:00 A. M.—LADIES BIG DAY—Hollywood Trip (men welcome).

8:00 P. M.—2nd S. P. A. Business Meeting—Committee Room #1—Municipal Auditorium.

10:00 P. M.-Exhibition and bourse close.

Saturday, August 17

9:30 A. M.-Registration of members and visitors at Municipal Auditorium.

10:00 A. M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office Open.
10:00 A. M.—Final S. P. A. Business Meeting—Committee Room #1—
Municipal Auditorium.
2:00 P. M.—Disneyland Trip.
7:00 P. M.—S. P. A. Annual Banquet and Presentation of Awards,
Pageant Room, Wilton Hotel.
10:00 P. M.—Exhibition and bourse close.

Sunday, August 18 Church Directory in Hotel Lobby

10:00 A. M.—Registration of members and visitors.
10:00 A. M.—Exhibition, Bourse and Post Office open.
1:00 P. M.—U. S. Cancellation Club Regional Meeting, Committee Room #1, Municipal Auditorium.
2:00 P. M.—Western Cover Society Meeting, Committee Room #2, Municipal Auditorium.
3:00 P. M.—Los Angeles Cover Club Meeting, Committee Room #1, Municipal Auditorium.
6:00 P. M.—FINIS

63 Years For The Society Of Philatelic Americans

N. R. Hoover

The Society of Philatelic Americans had its inception as the Southern Philatelic Association on February 1, 1894 in Macon, Miss. by a group of boys, the oldest of whom, J. M. Chappel, Jr., age 20, was chosen president. He and Ben Russell started an official organ, the "Dixie Philatelist". It was a creditable small monthly.

A. M. Rareside succeeded Chappel as president and was ousted upon discovery of shortages in the sales circuits he had been handling. Ben Russell succeeded him in 1896. It is interesting to comment on the fact that Russell in later years developed into a prominent cotton factor, in time owning practically all of his own own, Alexander City, Ala.

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Oscar Jannesch was elected president in November 1900. In January, 1903 under president Du-Bose, the "Virginia Philateli.", then owned by Roy B. Bradley (president, 1899) los the official organship to L. T. Brodstone's "Philatelic West".

W. P. Kelley of Kansas City. acted as secretary under the presidencies of Messrs. DuBose, Coning and Roemer, but got nowhere in revitalizing the moribund association. He died of typhoid fever in 1904.

R. L. Doak of Fresno, Ohio became secretary in 1905; he found only 18 members with dues paid up. He deserves the thanks of the Society for his untiring efforts in revitalizing the group. The membership started to grow—99 in early 1907, 228 in December 1907, 295 in November 1912.

A matter of importance occurred

A matter of importance occurred at the Wichita, Kans. convention of September 1913. Clifford W. Kissinger was elected president, and for nine years this indefatigable organizer ran the society. The membership, now growing strong up north, climbed from 356 in 1913 to 1838 in 1918. to 1838 in 1918.

Under Kissinger's influence the name was changed to the Society of Philatelic Americans at the Nia-

of Philatelic Americans at the Niagara Falls Convention in 1918.

Between then and 1922 careless handling of sales circuits and the adverse effect of World War I weakened the S. P. A. .t the 1922 convention at Atlantic City, Joseph Hoffman engineered the removal of Kissinger as president, and served as chairman of a ways and means committee that adjudiserved as chairman of a ways and means committee that adjudi-cated the losses in the sales de-

served as chairman of a ways and means committee that adjudicated the losses in the sales department.

The Society progressed slowly until the depression of 1933 brought another crisis, known as the "Coes Rebellion". Coes, as secretary, had be en appropriating society funds for his own use during those dark days. Another factor that caused difficulty was the habit of accepting stamps in lieu of cash for dues, stamps that would not sell at a figure commensurate with the value of the dues.

When the discovery of Coes' shortages was revealed, he at first offered to resign, then changed his

mind and hit on the ingenious project of bringing suit against the regularly elected officers on the charge that they were interlopers. After involved legal processes, his plea was defeated in court at Knoxville, Tenn. and the society rode out the storm.

One of the results of this internecine struggle was the refusal of O. C. Lightner, publisher of the official organ, to become involved in the "chaotic condition existing in the Association". This gare those who had long wanted the society to have its own official organ

those who had long wanted the so-ciety to have its own official organ the opportunity they sought. It re-sulted in the "S. P. A. Journal", first isssued March 1939. Since that time the society has enjoyed a remarkable period of plain sailing, no money troubles, no rancor, no obvious jealousies. There has been a consistent growth in membership: 1242 in 1940; 5362 in June 1957. Comment should be made on the efficient management of the vari-

comment should be made on the efficient management of the various departments, all carefully operated with a close audit of each. Particular mention should be made of the agressive, careful handling for many years of the Sales Department under the care of Helen Hussey Longinotti.

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The American Philatelic Society will offer a special "Award of Distinction" as one of the major prizes at "BEPHILA '57" scheduled for Berlin, Germany, October 23-27.

Of Special Concern To China Collectors

Two recent issues of "The China Clipper", official publication of the China Stamp Society, are of partic-ular interest to collectors of the

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The first, a double number of 40 pages, is devoted to a catalog of the Local Stamps of Manchuria 1946-7. Local Stamps of Manchuria 1946-7. These were stamps overprinted for issue in hundreds of towns in the northern provinces, indicating the reversion of the area to Chinese control after years under the Manchukuo flag (Japanese domination). Heretofore only scattered and inadequate information has been available, but in this offering the author, Lt.-Col. Allen D. Kerr, identifies and describes several thousand of these many and mystifying emissions. fying emissions.

The other issue, No. 3 of the current volume, contains a number of short articles, including a catalog by A. W. Bendig, of the municipal revenue stamps of Mukden, Peiping, and Tientsin. Also present are reproductions of the official Taiwan government descriptions of the recent map and mother stamps the recent map and mother stamps,

the recent map and mother stamps, and a picture of a unique cover.

Copies of the Manchuria overprint issue are available to nonmembers at \$1.50, while No. 3 costs 75c. Both are obtainable from the secretary, Marvin J. Albinak, 19187 Coyle, Detroit 35, Mich., who can also supply information on membership in the China Stamp Society.

Philatelic Foundation On Canadian Network

By arrangement with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., the Philatelic Foundation will go on the air in the "Stamp Club of the Air" on Saturday, August 24.
Ethel Harper will talk about the United States Local Posts. She can be heard over the Trans-Canada 41 Stations network, from Newfoundland to the Yukon, from 9:30 a. m. West Coast time, through the time zones to 2 p. m. East Coast. The program will originate in the Toronto key station CBL and CBL-FM at 12:30 noon.

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The Ship Wreck In 1835

Erskine R. Miller

Pre-stamp letters have a double attraction—cancellations and contents. Lucky indeed is the collector who finds one which is interesting in both respects. Take a look at the one here illustrated:

It was posted from Algiers in 1835 to Livourne in Tuscany (now Leghorn in Italy), and is postmarked en route "TOULON-SUR-MER" (Toulon, France) and NIZZA-MARE" (Nice, Italy). "PAYS D'OUTRE-MER" indicates payment of postage. On the reverse is a stamped impression "LAZARETTO SAN ROCCO DI LIVORNO", which means that the letter was disinfected at San Rocco. Disinfecting was a commen practice at that time.

The letter is written in French, of which an English translation follows: "Extract from the 'Moniteur Algerion' dated 5th March 1835. I must also bring to your attention the devotion shown by four sailors of the vessel 'L'AFRICAIN' under Captain Lubrano. These brave fellows, under the command of boatswain Peretti, a native of Corsica, when their ship was dashed upon the rocks, manned a boat and were able to save more than twenty men, women and children passengers who were on board under quarantine. The sailors had not sooner landed the passengers when their boat was broken to pieces upon the rocks of Pescade.

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"At last Captain Tonietti, coming from Oran in another ship, was able to take off the remaining thirty passengers and all were saved. This captain's conduct appears to me to be especially praiseworthy, as a large part of his crew thought only of saving themselves and leaving the poor shipwrecked passengers to their fate. It was only because of Captain Tonietti's indomitable will that he was able to bring all to obedience and thus the passengers were saved.

"Under the orders of these two captains, the sailors Montamari, Tamerra, Friaro, Casameule, Dinseo, Collora, Ferrati and Lubrano have given proof of most courageous service.

"The ships under Captain Lubrano and Captain Tonietti both flew the Tuscan flag.

This old cover was sent to me by J. P. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece, who also made the translation to the English language.

P. J. DROSSOS

1 St. Denys Pl. Athens (Greece)

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CPS Carries On With **Exhibition Plans**

At the July 18 meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society in the Sherman Hotel, vice-president Anthony C. Russo was directed to assume the duties of president and to complete the unexpired term of Richard H. Leach who passed away

July 7.

Mr. Russo, who has been acting as exhibition chairman for the Society's forthcoming philatelic exhibition to be held at the Hamilton Hotel November 15-17, will also be general chairman of the big Fall show.

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Requests for application blanks for entries in the exhibition should be addressed to A. C. Russo, 31 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill. Dealers desiring bourse space should address Edward H. Benson, 1418 Lake Ave.. Wilmette, Ill.

The club will issue a set of three cachets honoring the famous Col. E. E. Ellsworth, the first Union of ficer to die in the Civil War. The set may be ordered for 50c from W. H. Schulze, 2736 Gunnison St., Chicago 25, Ill. The set of two engraved Lincoln seals, price 25c. may be ordered from Willis E. Potter, 3236 S. Home Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

Canadian Specialists Show In November

The Canadian Philatelic Specialist Society will hold an exhibition in the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, November 9 to 17. This will mark the first occasion of a stamp show's being held in this building, which is the third largest museum in North America.

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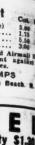
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Rambling Around

This is being written on July 3 as I am leaving Howey for a trip to Sidney, Ohio and then to Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y. after which we will return home. This editorial is for the August 5 edition of our paper and I will have to prepare another for the August 12 before we

prepare another for the August 12 before we leave here as copy for that must be in Sidney by July 31 as our August 12 issue is printed on August 5.

While up north we will spend a few days in Sidney. I hope to get to Cleveland, Ohio for a meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on the 19th. I plan to surprise the boys by showing up at their meeting unannounced, so printing this will not apprise them of the fact as altho it is written almost three weeks before their meeting it will not appear until after the meeting. meeting.

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I just got to thinking today that the P. O. Department has worked a trick on the stamp collectors. There was hope by the Department that they would get a raise in postage rates to 4c for first class mail by the time this 4c Flag stamp was to be issued but the raise did not come. The stamp is printed in only 40 million copies and will likely be sold out before any raise is granted. This will therefore produce \$400,000 over and above the legal postal rate if used on first class letters where most of them will be used. How will this be accounted for? If it could be added to the Department funds it would go a good ways toward making up a deficit. Why can this not be done at opportune intervals? Now that they have a press that will print in two colors why not that Santa Claus stamp that we have been asking for these many years past? I am sure that the American public would take readily to a couple stamp issues per year. Issues of 100 million copies. Stamps with a face value of one cent over the legal postal rate.

Call them Santa Claus stamps at Christmas time and call them patriotic stamps at the Fourth of July, Issue them for 1c face over the regular postage rate and let the Department have the surplus apply against the annual postal deficit. This would raise a sum of two million dollars for the two stamp issues and would help solve our postal deficit problem and not hurt any of us so bad that we could feel it.

P. O. Department Is Getting Smart

Some time ago the Post Office Department announced that the size of the common size Stamped Envelope was to be changed to conform with and match the size of the standard commercial size envelope which has been in use in this country for many year. past. This move has been long overdue. Unquestionably the handling of mail will be easier with the great bulk of all envelopes being of a standard size. We have aways known the commercial size envelope in common use as what printers call a 6 % size. The Department envelope nearest this in size has been a bit larger, being one-quarter inch longer and one-eighth of an inch higher.

The popular large evelope in commercial size is known as a Num-

The popular large evelope in commercial size is known as a Number 10. The Department has an envelope of this size and it thus makes it easy to handle them.

Another smart move has been the Department's order which bans the use of envelopes less than 2 ¾ x 4 inches in size. Use of envelopes less than this will be permitted until July 1, 1959. This gives ample time for persons having smaller size stationery as well as manufacturers to conform and will thus work no hardship on anyone, by loss of stock. We approve of this order for small envelopes are much more difficult to handle than standard size ones.

In line with these changes we might suggest that it would perhaps be a wise thing to alter the size of the Government Postal Card to match the size of the envelope. This would add greatly to the ease of bendling.

British Repudiate Registered Mail Protection

According to an article in the Philatelic Exporter (June) of London, the British Courts have ruled that the Post Office Department is not liable for loss of a parcel containing 21,000 pounds worth of diamonds that were mailed from London to New Zealand. The P. O. Department admits that the diamonds were stolen by a postal employee. Whether the employee was jailed is not stated but it poses a problem for the stamp dealer. How can valuable stamps be sent through the mails if a registered letter on which one pays a fee for protection is not properly settled for by the Department. Seems the only recourse for the stamp dealer will be to shun registered mail and depend on the insurance companies for protection.

Trading With Communist China

We have received a beautifully printed and illustrated small circular in the general format and in imitation of a magazine cover page. The front shows an attractive Chinese scene and at the top is the name of the magazine, CHINA RECONSTRUCTIONS. It also states, "A Monthly Magazine in English, Presenting Developments in Economic, Social, Cultural Life in China Today."

an invitation to subscribe to the magazine. Allong ioned is . . . "Regular Feature Columns — on Chi-The folder is the features mentioned is . . . "Regular Feature Columns — on Chinese language, stamps, cookery, etc."

The circular is mailed out from an English address in Canada.

It is an apparent attempt to sell subscription in America and the bait is the mention of stamps.

This magazine is banned from the mails under the law or ruling forbidding business with Communist China. Let us hope that good Americans will shy clear of it.

Give A Subscription To Your Library

A collector in Lawrence, Kans. suggests that it would be a nice thought if some of the larger philatelic publications would give a gift subscription to libraries. Nice thought, but brother you should recognize that there are many thousands of libraries throughout the United States. To attempt to give gift subscriptions to these libraries would bankrupt every stamp publication in the country. The proper solution for this is that individual collectors in every town or stamp clubs in towns where there are such should give a gift subscription to their local library. This would scatter the load all over the country, hurt no one and would be a fine recuiter for new stamp collectors.



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Members of the committee are:
Juan Moreyra, president of Asociacion Filatelica Peruana, Luis Guzman, secretary; Herbert H. Moll, treasurer and Ricardo Grau, advisor.

The exhibition will be opened Sunday, December 1, the anniver-sary of the postage stamps usage

The show is of a national character; however, foreign collectors are invited to participate "hors concours" and will receive certificates and probably also medals. Rules and entry blanks may be obtained from Luis Guzman, secretary Comite PEREX, Casilla 131, Lima Peru 100 years ago. Lima, Peru.

The post office of Peru has of-fered to issue a stamp honoring the stamp centenary as well as one in honor of PEREX, and most prob-ably a post office will be installed on the premises of the exhibition.

Collectors from abroad are also invited to attend PEREX and a special committee will be formed to advise and assist.

Rhode Island Society Announces Outing

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By CARL P. RUETH

In this edition you will see a picture of the President Magsaysay design coming August 31 at Washington, D. C. This 8-center will undoubtedly rate as one of the best for looks in quite some time because of its simplicity and the fact that it will be red, white, blue and other

ochre.

The 4c U. S. Flag commem has turned out to be a much sought after item with quite a bit of "soughting" going on and not too much finding. I still get scads of complaints from readers who have not been able to buy all of the Flags they want, or any at all.

My suggestion, and this applies to the Magsaysay as well, is to place all your requirements with the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D.C. Do it immediately for both. Besides the face value you must also include a sum to cover return postage and handling. and handling.

Such figures were given once before. If you did not clip and keep them, do so now. If you purchase up to 100 stamps the fee is 5c; to 300 — 10c; to 700 — 15c; to 100 — 20c; to 2000 — 30c; to 3000 — 40c; to 4000 — 50c; to 5000 — 60c; over 5000 — 75c.

5000 — 75c.

Let's hope that the Post Office Department shows some good judgment by keeping the Flag 4c on sale for a long time.

Incidentally, the Flag is notable for the fact that the white paper remains white through the printing process, and does not get smeared because of incomplete wiping as do stamps printed on the current rotary presses. Makes for a very sharp delineation of the design.

1. A 1948 commem in the Famous Americans size honored Joel Chand-ler Harris. What was his profes-

2. Who appeared in the design of the Memorial Poppy stamp of 1948?

John Feeman, Sr. of Indianapolis, Ind. writes that he has received a postal card postmarked from a "Santa Claus" substation in California. This is located along the coastal highway east of Santa Barbara. It is a sub-station of the Carpinteria post office.

This Santa Claus is like the one in Indiana — it too is devoted to

in Indiana — it too is devoted to things pertinent to the Christmas season and gifts therefor. In other words a rather sizeable commercial enterprise with many things to see and buy.

The annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans is at Long Beach, Calif. August 15 to 18. Not too often do the major philatelic societies have their shows and sessions on the west coast but when they do the host clubs usually pre-

mey do the host clubs usually pre-pare an outstanding affair.

Might I urge you folks out west to take in this SPA convention and exhibition. You do not have to be a member to participate — the pub-lic, whether collectors or not, is welcome.

If what you see books good to

welcome.

If what you see looks good to you, and the SPA seems to have something which will fit in with your stamp and cover collecting, fill in an application to join. There are many advantages to be enjoyed through affiliation. Tell the folks at the recruiting desk I sent you. I've been an SPA-er for a fair number of years.

Others of you who won't get to

ber of years.
Others of you who won't get to
Long Beach, and want to see literature and use an application, drop me a note.

Walt Evans, 222 Virginia Ave. NW, Washington 7, D. C. was in-spired when he saw the U. S. Flag spired when he saw the U. S. Flag stamp, to delve into the catalogs to see how many designs he could discover in which our flag is to be seen. He scoured the world — has gotten up to 1954 — and even found four stamps of Communist Russia with "Old Glory" in their designs. I know there are topicalists who flip for Flags On Stamps, but believe there is no society or chapter lieve there is no society or chapter of the ATA specifically devoted to the U. S. Flag. Mr. Evans would like to start such a group.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS DEPT.: Martin Bostrom, Orebro, Sweden; Pierra A. Cubells, Soissons, France; Joachim Dill, Bad Neustadt, Germany; Harvey M. Richert, Milwaukee, Wis.; Cornelius Haaland, Oslo, Norway; J. J. M. Kiggen, The Hague, Netherlands, Earl C. Russell, Henryetta, Okla.; Terry Scott, Redding, Calif.

On August 15 at Bath, Maine there will be a first day ceremony for the stamp to mark the 350th anniversary of the first ship-building in America. The design

was prepared by William Baker, a naval architect for the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce. This de-sign is shown here through the courtesy of that organization and Belmont Faries, philatelic editor of the Washington Sunday Star.



This, of course, is just a crude sketch which needs a lot of polishing. Chances are that the completed stamp will have much of this same basic presentation.

According to Mr. Faries' account, the Virginia of Sagadahock, to be pictured on the commem, was one of the first commercial enterprises of the Popham Colony. Sir John Popham, Lord Chief Justice of England, was one of the chief promotors of the colony and his brother, George Popham, led the group which sailed from Plymouth in two small vessels May 31, 1607.

The colonists reached the Kenne-

The colonists reached the Kennebeck in mid-August. They selected a site and began construction of Fort St. George near the mouth of the river on August 20. The next day they started work on a ship to be used in coastal trade with the

Indians.

Dreams of wealth in a new land soon faded on the icy coast of Maine and more than half of the colonists returned to England with the second ship in December. George Popham died during the winter and his successor, Raleigh Gilbert, was called home the following summer. The settlement was abandoned in September, 1608, a little more than a year after its founding.

The Virginia represented the colony's one successful enterprise. She had been carefully planned in advance and materials unavailable on the Maine coast, such as sails and cordage, had been brought from England.

Her construction was supervised

Her construction was supervised by a master shipwright, one Digby of London. He had ship carpenters to help him and a smith to work the iron parts. A contemporary journal records the start of the

"Friday the 21st of August all hands labored hard about the fort, some in the trench, some for faggots, and our ship carpenters about the building of a small pinnace or shallon."

shallop."

No contemporary picture or description of the Virginia exists. She was of 28 or 30 tons burden, a sailing craft of shallow draft for coastal waters, small enough to be propelled by oars if necessary. William Baker, the nayal architect who made a drawing of the Virginia for the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce, pictures her as a small single-masted craft with a sprit-sail rig.

rig.
The Virginia seems to have carried some of the colonists back to England in the fall of 1608. In 1609 she was part of the nine-ship Jamestown fleet of Sir Thomas Gates and town fleet of Sir Thomas Gates and Sir George Somers, but sprang a leak and had to turn back to Plymouth, missing the hurricane which scattered the other ships. She was at Jamestown that winter, however, so presumably she completed her second Atlantic crossing alone. Information on her later career is less definite, but some 20 years later, according to one story, she was wrecked on the rocky Irish coast on a voyage from Virginia with a cargo of tobacco.

with a cargo of tobacco.

One of the important articles in the May 1957 edition of "Land eco-nomics" is **Development of Postal Rates: 1845-1955 By Jane Kennedy**

Rates: 1845-1955 By Jane Kennedy This quarterly journal is published by the University of Wisconsin — publication office Sterling Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wis. It comes at \$2 per copy. William V. Wilmot, a professor in the Department of Economics and a member of the magazine's editorial advisory board (also a stamp collector) called my attention to the piece. It is the only one of a philatelic nature the others being devoted to the fields of housing, planning and public utilities.

is readable and interesting. Many such essays are "sleep-producers".

Editor and Author.
 Moina Michael.

1958 "Duck Stamp" Design Contest

The ninth annual Federal "duck stamp" contest to select a design for the 1958-1959 issue of these stamps which duck hunters must purchase opened August 1 and will close November 1, Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildife of the Department of the Interior announced recently. Interior announced recently.

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Wildlife artists who desire to enter their drawings in the contest should submit them on or before the deadline date to the headquarters office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D.C. Judging of the designs will take place in November by a committee composed of waterfowl authorities.

All interested artists are eligi-

fowl authorities.

All interested artists are eligible to enter the contest and may submit as many designs as they wish. Prospective duck stamp artists and especially those who have not made entries in previous contests, should write to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Information, Washington 25, D.C., for a free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest."

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The special 2½d, 4d, and 1/3 stamps which the British Post Office issued August 1 to mark the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree will remain on sale for several weeks. Twice the size of an ordinary stamp

each bears a different design.

The 2½d designed by Mary Adshead, hows a rope coiled to make a rolling hitch surrounding the Boy Scout badge on the left, and a three-quarter face portrait of the Queen

on the right.

The 4d designed by Pat Keely, depicts swallows flying toward the center in which is shown a portrait of the Queen, thus symbolizing Boy Scouts gathering together in Eng-land, the home of the movement. A light ornamental frame surrounds the Queen's portrait to suggest a cameo locket.







The 1/3, designed by W. H. Brown, shows the world encircled by a compass and by a ribbon carrying the dates 1907-1957. It illustrates the theme that the Boy Scout movement is one of the greatest international organizations of the world and reaches all points of the compass. The arrowhead of the compass was adopted for the Scout The 1/3, designed the compass. The arrowhead of the compass was adopted for the Scout badge by Lord Baden Powell because it showed the way.

The portrait of the Queen used in all three stamps was taken by Dorothy Wilding Portraits Ltd., of London, England.

The stamps were photogravure printed on crown and royal cypher watermarked paper by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

The stamps are also being over-printed for use at the British Postal Agencies in the Persian Gulf. In selecting the designs, the Post-master General had the help of an

advisory panel of experts, including nominees of the Council of Indus-

nominees of the Council of Industrial Design.

To mark the Jubilee a special postmark was used during July at a number of offices throughout England. From August 1-12 another special postmark is being used on all mail posted at the Jamboree itself.

Mary Adshead (2d) was born in London, the daughter of Prof. S. C. Adshead, architect and town planner. She is married to Stephen Bone, artist and writer, and has two sons and a daughter.

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Miss Adshead was educated at
Putney High School and the Lycee
Victor Durey, Paris, and studied
art at the Slade School to become
primarily a mural painter. Her
chief murals are at St. Christopher's Church, Withington, Manchester, (1935); the restaurant of
the Wernher Museum, Luton Hoo,
(1949); and the restaurant of Selfridges (1950); the overseas lounge
of Messrs. Costain's, Victoria
Bridge Road, London, (1955); and
Lowis' Restaurant, Bristol, (1947).
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She has also painted murals in private houses.
Patrick Cokayne Keely (4d) is a Fellow of the Society of Industrial Artists, a member of Alliance Graphique Internationale and a governor of the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. His work has been mainly for governments, public services and corporations, and has included commissions from the included commissions from the Royal Netherlands Government, the Ministry of Labor (RSPA), the War Office, the Admiralty, British South American Airways, and United Steel Companies.

His works have been exhibited in the U.S.A. (Museum of Modern in the U.S.A. (Museum of Modern Art, New York), Sweden (National Museum, Stockholm), Britain (Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Norwich Museum), France (Musee des Art Decorative, Louvre, Paris), as well as in Switzerland, Finland, Austria, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Australia and Hungary.

William Henry Brown (1/-), age 29, received his training in art at the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. For the past eight years he has been employed on the design staff of Harrison & Sons Ltd., being largely engaged on stamp design.

29, received his training in art at the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts. For the past eight years he has been employed on the design staff of Harrison & Sons Ltd., being being printed in Europe and require that amount of time for completion. Several of his designs have been reproduced on postage stamps of foreign countries. foreign countries.

BUREAU REPORT FOR JUNE 1957

The June report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing gives every indication that the Post Office Department is planning for increases in the domestic surface and airmail rates, and that two new emissions to care for the higher fees may be expected momentarily.

emissions to care for the higher fees may be expected momentarily. Indicated also are three potentially scarce numbers for the want lists of plate block collectors.

Numbers assigned to plates during the month included six 400-subject plates for a 7c airmail and two for 4c coils. The full list of assignments during the month follows:

Liberty 3c booklet, 360 subject plates, numbers 25743-4, 25757-8.

Airmail 7c, 400 subject plates, numbered 25745-6; 25749-50-1-2.

Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25753-4.

Liberty 2c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25753-6.

Liberty 4c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25747-8.

Liberty 4c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25755-6.

The following plates we sent to press and printed from for the first time in June:

time in June Liberty 1c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25695-6, 25703-4.

Liberty 1½c regular 400 subject plates, numbered 25410.

Liberty 4c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 2545-6, 25689-90, 25697-8.

Liberty 2c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25629-30.

Liberty 3c coil, 384 subject plates, numbered 25675-6.

Liberty 20c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 25675-6.

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Plate to the number of 16 were cancelled from further use for the

Teachers 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 25735-6-7-8.

Plates to the number of 16 were cancelled from further use for the printing of stamps at the Bureau in June. All of these plates had a sufficient number of impressions given so that no scarce ones should result, excepting only three as noted with the number of impressions given in parentheses in each case. They were:

25724, 25730—International Naval Review 3c (Jamestown).

25447, 25448, 25450 (36,071)—Liberty 4c regular.

25528, 25543, 25531, 25532—Liberty 3c regular.

25681, 25682, 25692, 25703 (46,278), 25704 (46,278)—Liberty 1c regular.

25669. 25670-Liberty 3c coil.

Magsaysay Colors Red, Blue, Ochre

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the description of the 8c commemorative honoring Ramon Magsaysay, the late President of the Philip-

the late President of the Philippines.

This stamp, the first of the "Champions of Liberty" series, goes on first-day sale at Washington, D.C., on August 31, the 50th anniversary of the birth of President Magsaysay.

The design will be 1.11 by 1.36 inches in dimension, arranged vertically, printed on pregummed paper on the Giori press, and issued in panes of 48. It will be printed in three colors — red, blue and golden ocher. An initial printing of 40,000,000 has been authorized.

CHAMPION OF LIBERTY



UNITED STATES POSTAGE

The central design is a medallion printed in golden ocher on which is the head of Ramon Magsaysay encircled by the descriptive wording "Ramon Magsaysay President of the Philippines '953-1957." The medallion is suspended from a red, white and blue ribbon, which forms the Victory "V". Directly above the medallion is the torch of Liberty, in red, behind two crossed prays of leaves, in blue. The words "Champion of Liberty," form the top of the stamp and "United States Postage" the bottom, both drawn in modified Gothic and printed in red. The denomination "8c" is shown in the lower right corner, printed in blue.

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Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes, together with money order remittance (8c per stamp) to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D.C. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed.

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The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers & Magsaysay Stamp." Collectors should bear in mind that this is a large size item; covers should be addressed in the lower left corner, particularly whose blacks or decired. larly when blocks are desired.

Panama "Buildings" Set Delay Revealed

Panama's buildings, at least those slated to appear on the country's "Old and Modern Buildings" set originally scheduled to be released in August or September, are going to be a bit older than first planned, before finally getting their pictures on stamps.

Elmer S. Smith, of Panama, R.

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has been set (possibly in November). In addition to the above, Panama will overprint the 6c air mail value of the President Remon series to a 10c value. This is necessary in

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55	Menorah	13.00	22 75	54.00	35.6
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70/71		.80	2.05	3.50	2.1 1.5
72	Bilu Independence, 1953 Maimonides 6th Holiday	.60	2.50	2.55	1.1
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74 75/77	8th Holiday	.40	2.45 1.60	1.65 2.90	3.0
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A Forger Who Taunted His Victims

Robert M. Spaulding, Jr.

"The thousand injuries of Fortunato I had borne as best I could; but when he ventured upon insult, I vowed revenge"—from "The Cask of Amontillado", by Edgar Allan Poe.

In point of time, Fortunato could not have indulged in forgery of

Japanese postal markings, but he may well have provided an unconscious precept for some unknown Japanese who later turned his hand to this crime. The simple act of forgery is bad enough. When it is compounded with defacement of valuable and genuine stamps or stationary the crime is over works.

compounded with defacement of vationery, the crime is even worse. But when the forger ventures upon insult as well, we have had more than enough. Unfortunately, our philatelic Fortunator remains anonymous, and has probably been dead for many years, so our revenge cannot go beyond an effort to deprive him of further victims. This forger was so contemptuous of his victims that he created at least one deliberately nonsensical postmark. His victims were obviously foreigners, and he himself was almost certainly a Japanese. The nonsense postmark is a dou-

was almost certainly a Japanese. The nonsense postmark is a double-circle marking of the type used throughout Japan between 1874 and 1888. It is in black, and measures 21mm in diameter. (This is somewhat smaller than most genuine types, and somewhat larger than the small genuine types, but size is not too accurate a criterion in is not too accurate a criterion in expertizing postal markings of this period.) In the center, arranged vertically, are the two characters for Tokyo.

for Tokyo.

During its long history, the double-circle postmark appeared with more than a dozen different combinations of elements in the space between the two circles (place names, dates and time indicators of various kind). But our forger evidently thought it would be too prosaic to copy one of the many genuine types. He filled the space between the circles with nothing but the first six Japanese numerals, so that it reads merely "1 2 3 4 5 6". No doubt he thought this a great joke. It certainly demonstrated his conviction that his customers would not know even the most elementary facts about the Japanese language, since he as-Japanese language, since he as-sumed that they could not even read numerals!

This fake marking has been seen

This fake marking has been seen on a wide variety of entirely genuine Japanese post cards and stamped envelopes, and there is no doubt that it also exists on stamps. The names and addresses are also faked, and are often absurdly irrelevant. For example, one copy is known of the 1873 large 6 sen brown envelope, in magnificent condition, bearing this fake Tokyo postmark—but the return address is in Hyogo Prefecture (585 kilometers west of Tokyo) and the destination address is in Okayama Prefecture, 143 kilometers farther to the west!

Nine items of postal stationery with this "Tokyo 1 2 3 4 5 6" marking have been seen. Four of them show no other marking (in each case, the Tokyo fake appears twice). On four others, the Tokyo fake occurs in combination with a fake cork-type cancel, different in each instance. These are indistinct, but the general appearance is shown in the above sketches:

Two of the stationery items (including one which also has a cork-type cancel) have, in addition to the "1 2 3 4 5 6" markings, an-

type cancel) have, in addition to the "1 2 3 4 5 6" markings, antype cancel) have, in addition to the "1 2 3 4 5 6" markings, another fake postmark which is also a double-circle type, in black, but measuring 24mm in diameter (larger than normal). In the center, arranged vertically, are three characters pronounced Daishoji. In the space between the circles is the inscription "Kaga Garan. 12. 8." Daishoji is a city near the Japan Sea coast in Ishikawa prefecture, northwest of Nagoya and northeast of Kyoto; the name was also applied at one time to the surrounding district. Kaga is the name of the old province, now part of Ishikawa Prefecture. The word garan, derived from Sanskrit, garan, derived from Sanskrit, means a Buddhist temple or mon-astery.

Garan, but it is quite possible that one exists. However, Kaga Garan is not listed as a place name in Japanese gazetteers. The numerals 12.8 presumably mean 8 December. Yet this marking is found on postal stationery with manuscript dates in January and May, as well as December—i.e., the postmark always says "12.8", but the handwritten dates elsewhere on the covers are often quite different!

About ten examples of this Dais-

written dates elsewhere on the covers are often quite different!

About ten examples of this Daishoji marking, from several different sources, have been examined. Two of the covers referred to in the feature article in the January-February issue of Japanese Philately bore this marking, and other examples have been encountered on stamps as well as on postal stationery. The date is always the same—12.8.—which certainly stretches coincidence a long, long way. The marking occurs alone (usually struck twice in such cases), or with the "Tokyo 1 2 3 4 5 6" markings, or with cork-type markings similar to those shown above. It is completely fraudulent. Like the "Tokyo 1 2 3 4 5 6", it is found on covers with destination and return addresses which make no sense because they are in parts of Japan for removed from Daishoji—for example, on covers purporting to have travelled from Osaka to Kyoto, or from Aichi Prefecture to Kobe. Not by the wildest stretch of imagination can one account for such letters passing through Daishoji, which is many miles to the north and completely off the routes in question. One might as well route a New York-to-Philadelphia letter by way of Boston.

of Boston.

So many examples of this for-ger's work—at least twenty-one covers—have been checked that it is not difficult to recognize his handwriting. The addresses are al-ways written in India ink (sumi) with a brush, and the chara ters ways written in India ink (sumi) with a brush, and the chara ters have a curiously flattened appearance, being disproportionately wide in comparison with the height. Some of the covers bear syllabic-and-numeral postal markings of the type used in Jap n between 1874 and 1878.

Unlike the "Tokyo 2 2 3 4 5 6" and Daishoji markings, which seem to be products of the forger's taunting imagination, these syllabic-and-numeral markings are copies of genuine markings. In

taunting imagination, these syllabic-and-numeral markings a recopies of genuine markings. In several instances, the addresses do not match the location of the office to which the syllabic-and-numeral markings was assigned. Forgeries include the following types: RA Dai 1 Go (assigned to Gifu), I-TSU Dai 7 Go (assigned to Kawasaki?), and I-NU Dai 6 Go (assigned to Tomo)—three or more examples of each having been seen.

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been seen.

As said at the outset, it is appalling to see fine copies of early Japanese stamps and stationery (and the copies are nearly always in superior condition) ruined by the application of fake or forged postal markings. It is even worse when the forger taunts his victims by using nonsensical markings and addresses revealing his contemptuaddresses revealing his contemptuous certainty that the purchasers would know no Japanese and there-fore would not detect that they had been victimized.

The appearance of these covers suggests (though no scientific tests have been made) that they are not recent products, and this presump-tion of age is also supported by the fact that some of the stamps and No record can be found of a Bud-dhist establishment named Kaga stationery thus defaced are now fairly rare. In all probability, these fakes were prepared shortly before the turn of the century, when mint

the turn of the century, when mint copies of such items were still plentiful and cheap. Probably the forger had customers wanting "genuinely used covers".

It is expected that at least one entry in the exhibition at the Society of Philatelic Americans' convention, Long Beach, Calif., August 15-18, will have material, written about, on view. There are some of the world's best collections of Japanese philatelic material on the west coast. Several of the outstanding ones will be on view during the SPA affair.

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Argentine interests in the Falk-lands began in 1820 with the endeavors of Louis Vernet to revive the settlement at Port Louis (or Soledad). Vernet, by origin a German from Hamburg who had long resided in America, had moved to Buenos Aires. Under the authority of the Republic of Buenos Aires he finally took possession of Soledad in August 1829. British protests followed this action, although the

dad in August 1823. British protests followed this action, although the situation remained quiet until 1831. Vernet then seized three United States vessels, a rash action which eventually led to the American warship "Lexington" destroying the small fort at Soledad and retaking the vessels which had been seized

seized.

Argentine claims to the islands persisted, but the British Government re-asserted its sovereignty in 1832 by sending out His Majesty's ship "Clio" under command of Capt. Onslow. On reaching Port Louis he found 25 Argentine soldiers, and a schooner flying the Argentine colors. The Argentine commander was acquainted with the object of the mission and given orders to quit; while consenting to orders to quit; while consenting to embark his soldiers he kept the Argentine flag flying whereupon Capt. Onslow landed, hoisted the British flag, and sent an officer to haul down the foreign flag which was delivered on board the Argen-tine ship. tine ship.

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On leaving Port Louis in 1833
Capt. Onslow entrusted William
Dickson (Vernet's storekeeper)
with the care of the settlement,
leaving him with instructions that
the British flag be hoisted when
any vessels anchored and on all holidays.

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The year of establishment of the colony is marked with a savage crime which will cause less surprise if the wild nature of the settlers remaining at Port Louis is called to mind—sealers and whalers of various nationalities, Indians, convicts and gauchos from South America and adventurers generally disposed to resent the mere existence of authority.

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On August 26, 1833 w it hout warning, and, as far as is known, for no tangible cause, Mathew Brisbane (Vernet's agent) and William Dickson were brutally murdered by three gauchos and six Indians, assisted by some deserters from vessels who supplied the firearms. Brisbane lies buried in the cemetery there, and his grave is now cared for and honored.

When the news of the crime became known Lt. Henry Smith, R.N., was sent to the colony as governor and was succeeded as such by other naval officers until a civil administrataion was formed under Lt. R. C. Moody, R.E., in 1841. Governor Moody laid out a township which he named Anson and then removed in 1844 to Stanley, the present capital.

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and then removed in 1844 to Stanley, the present capital.

After difficult times in the beginning, further settlers and fresh capital were gradually attracted by the possibilities of the new colony and in 1846 that part if the East Falkland Islands lying south of the isthmus at Darwin was conceded by sale to Samuel Lafone of Montevideo. Lafone, however, did not long continue to farm the property on his own account and in 1851 transferred it to the Falkland Islands Co. which was incorporated by charter that same year. The Falkland Islands Co, besides owning Lafonia has extensive tracts of land in the northern half of the East Falkland Island and also in the West Falkland Island, and carries on business as shipping agents and general merchants in Stanley.

In 1849 a small garrison composed of sanpress which had been

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ary Society founded a training settlement for Indians from Tierra del Fuego on Keppel Island. The settlement did not succeed and the experiment had to be abandoned.

The early industry of the colony was exploitation, mainly for their hides, of wild cattle running freely over the East Falkland Island. These wild cattle were descendants of the cattle introduced by de Bougainville and of later importations during the Spanish occupation; they were considered the property of the crown and their slaughter was subject to licences issued by the governor.

Sheep farming was attempted first on East Falkland where, by the year 1860, a considerable number of sheep was being run, and shortly afterwards a start was made on the West Falkland. Between 1870 and 1880 a definite change-over from cattle to sheep took place and subsequently the wild cattle were killed off by degrees and have now become almost extinct.

The colony enjoyed a -teady prosperity from the proceeds of its wool, but few landmarks of positive progress stand out other than that in 1885 it became entirely self-supporting and that in 1912 a radio signal station was opened. Indeed, the Falkland Islands were little remembered until December 8, 1914 when they sprang into fame as the scene of Sturdee's brilliant victory over Graf von Spee. December 8 has been adopted as a national day and is annually celebrated by religious services and a public holiday. A memorial commemorating this victory was unveiled in 1927.

When war was declared in 1939 the Falkland Islands defense force was embodied in order to man the previously chosen outposts and gunsites, and training of the infantry company was greatly intensified. At the same time the colony's value as a naval base became obvious as a result of the activity in the South Atlantic. One notable local event was the return of the British cruisers after the battle of the River Plate to land the wounded who were cared for in the local hospital for several weeks.

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At the beginning of 1940 there were at one times as many as six cruisers in Stanley harbor and its approaches, but after the disappearance of the German raiders, naval activity diminished greatly. In 1942 following the outbreak of war with Japan, a garrison of Imperial troops, comprising some 2000 officers and men, arrived, indicating the strategic importance of the colony. This force was reduced to 200 men in 1944 and finally withdrawn altogether in 1945. Since then, the placid, uneventful way of life characteristic of the Falklands has returned.

We hope that you have enjoyed this excusion, based mainly on official records, into the history of these islands. Some comments on Falkland Islands philately will wind up this series. See you next week!

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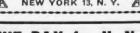
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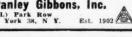
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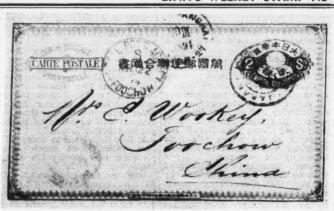
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Shanghai Postal System

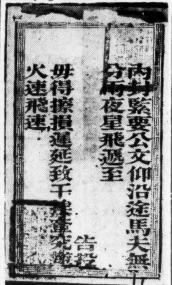
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The Postal History of China begins in the dim past of history. As early as the 12th century B.C. written records tell of a service of long standing. Three thousand year ago the official "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official. "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official. "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official. "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official. "I. CHAN", or horse post, was under the control of the war official. "I. CHAN", or horse got, and expanded rapidly as the empire grew. As early as 600 A.D. a money order service was instituted. This early service had a network of 25,000 rest houses set from 25 to 40 miles apart by the time of Marco Polo's visit, 1275 A.D. He related that they were elaborately furnished and frequently used by travelling officials. Over 200,000 horses were used in this postal system and the expenses were shared by all of the provinces.

The public the private posts or "Min Hsin Chu" operated in much the same manner as the I. Chan. These were private "hongs" operated by bankers and merchants having branches in other cities. The patrons of this service took their letters to the office of the "hong" and bargained with them over the cost of delivery of the letter. The sender then paid half of the cost and the recipient the remainder when notified that the letter had been delivered to his town.

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town.
As late as 1906 over 300 of these "private hongs" remained in operation, and by 1926 there were 619 private post offices still open. These continued to operate in the remote parts of China until the present Communist regime. Covers handled by them seldom bore any identifying marks. identifying marks.



An Official I CHAN Cover of the Tsing Dynasty. (Photo-Dr. L. Tsing Dynasty. (Ph Collins)

These, therefore, were the services in operation in China when the first Europeans reached China. There was no external mail service, and the first official govern-ment service did not begin until February 2, 1897. When the first Europeans settled

When the first Europeans settled in China, mail for the homeland was given to sea captains and entrusted to their care. Later forewarding agents collected the mail for the residents in the foreign settlement, usually stamping each envelope with their chop, and turning it over to outbound ships for transmission to Europe.

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The Min Hsin Chu never found favor with the foreign population, even for internal letters. Mail from

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one settlement to another was usually taken by travellers rather than entrusted to the native post. The Treaty of Nanking in 1842 established five ports for foreign residence and trade. This gave a great impetus to trade, and the foreign population rapidly increased. The five ports, called Treaty Ports, were Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, and Shanghai. In May 1843 the British established a post office at Hong Kong and service began at Shanghai and Ningpo the same year and at Amoy and Foochow in 1844. The British consuls at these ports were instructed to act as agents of the Hong Kong post office in making up and receiving mails. Other foreign powers having diplomatic relations with China established consular mail services following the pattern of the British.

The French, Americans, Russians, Germans, Japanese, Italians, and Austrians opened up Consular post offices in various parts of China. In the case of the Aus-

ians, and Austrians opened up Consular post offices in various parts of China. In the case of the Austrians, it was an outgrowth of the Boxer Rebellion and the military detachment at the Embassy at Pekin. For many years these foreign posts were the only means for a resident to post a letter to the outside world, but no local delivery or pickup of mail was offered by these foreign post. Patrons had to call for their mail at the consular offices and take all of their outgoing mail to these offices for despatch on the next outbound ship.

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As the foreign population increased and trade with the outside world expanded, the need for a reliable postal system, offering the services found in Europe and America became more urgent. Shanghai became the hub of foreign trade in China and in 1854 the Shanghai Municipal Council was formed. In 1864 the Municipal Council established the Local Post Office for the purpose of making local deliveries and collecting and forwarding overseas mail to the consular posts.

Almost simultaneously the Council made plans for the establishment of branch agencies in other treaty ports. The first to open was at Ningpo in 1866. By 1890 some sixteen branch agencies were in operation reaching as far inland as

at Ningpo in 1866. By 1897 some sixteen branch agencies were in operation reaching as far inland as Ichang, 1000 miles up the Yangtse River, and covering most of the coastal ports of Jhina. The Great Fire of Shanghai in 1871 destroyed all of the records of the Shanghai post office.

A copy of the Shanghai Local Post Bulletin dated January 1, 1888 lists sixteen ports from and

1888 lists sixteen ports from and to which mails were received and despatched. Mail prepaid in Shanghai was considered prepaid to its destination, including local deliv-

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ery, at any of the treaty ports except Peking. (In these days of possible curtailed postal services it is interesting to note that local deliveries in Shanghai ranged from every half hour to every hour, with two deliveries on Sunday. Pillar hoves were placed throughout lar boxes were placed throughout Shanghai with from three to six pickups each day.)

Sometime prior to 1871 the sub-scription system, unique in postal history annals, was introduced. By payment of a yearly fee, the sub-scriber was entitled to mail an unlimited quantity of mail during the year. New arrivals and travellers had to use stamps.

had to use stamps.

Such a system was bound to have loopholes, so that it was not surprising that the heads of the native Min Chu post became subscribers of the local post. They collected mails from the outlying towns at high rates and then turned them over to the Shanghai post for local delivery without further charge. In spite of this, the subscription system continued until charge. In spite of this, the sub-scription system continued until December 31, 1892, when it was abolished and stamps were re-quired on all mail. No doubt in-creasing operating costs for the greatly expanded postal system had greatly exceeded the income from subscriptions.

from subscriptions.

Almost at once a shortage of stamps occurred, not only at Shanghai, but at all of the agencies as well. The various Treaty Ports were faced with three alternatives: to accept the Shanghai proposal to buy Shanghai stamps for overprinting with the name of the Treaty Port, at what was considered an exhorbitant cost; to fall back on the higher rates and more limited service offered by the Customs Post; or to take over the Shanghai Agencies and operate a local post of their own.

Agencies and operate a local post of their own.

A few of the Treaty Ports lad municipal councils and in these the councils decided to organize a local post by taking over the Shanghai Agency and making recriprocal arrangements with Shanghai The Shanghai Municipal Council was only too happy to be relieved of the expense and responsibility of the agencies. In some ports a committee of foreign residents formed the local posts, and in others private individuals inaugurated them. All, however, made arrangements with Shanghai and with each of the other local posts for the acceptance and transmission of mails including pickup and deligible of the service of the service of the manufacture of the services of the serv mails including pickup—nd delivery. It was in effect a miniature post union, offering a modern postal service excelling that of the customs post both as to cost and service. For this reason it was (Continued on page 11)

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The U. S. Cancellation Club, the Los Angeles Cover Club, the Western Cover Society, "CORO-SCAL", Collectors of Religion on Stamps and the Stamp Dealers Association of Southern California are some who have made reservations for the committee rooms.

rooms.

Other groups are welcome and arrangements may be made thru the general chairman, Mrs. Emily Moorefield, P. O. Box 3313, Long Beach 3, Cal. The auditorium is ideally situated for these meetings as the exhibition is being held in the same building. There are 10 committee rooms holding from 50 to 350 for meetings and all are available during the convention.

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Entries have been closed for the 63rd Annual S.P.A. convention exhibition at Long Beach, Cal. August 15-18.

Exhibition frames are now sold out. Two of the local club's members obligingly stepped out to allow the last out-of-town exhibitors the desired number of frames for their displays.

Surprising was the fact the show frames were completely taken exactly on the day, July 10, the entries closed. The committee regrets having to return many late entries.

Dealers booths likewise are all reserved.

SHANGHAI (Continued from page 10)

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During the interim Shanghai stamps were used when available or mail was marked with "Paid" chops to indicate postage as paid. Hankow was the first port to take over a Shanghai Agency. The Hankow Municipal Council organized a local post in 1893 and the first issue, locally printed, featuring a coolie carrying chests of tea, came into use in May 1893.

The native issues were followed by stamps printed by Waterlow & Sons. These depicted a refined version of the coolie, and scenes of Hankow. The same year a committee of citizens in Chefoo organized a local post, ordering their stamps and postal stationery from Schleicher & Schull of Germany. Picturing the famous Tower of Smoke in Chefoo, they came in use in October 1893.

Chungking, located far up the Yangtse River, some 1500 miles from Shanghai, was the third port to establish a local post. Mail had to be carried overland to Ichang and then by riverboat to Hankow and other ports. The customs post carried mail to Chungking but refused to take mail from Chungking. Under these circumstances Archibald Little, manager of the Chungking Transport Co., decided to orfused to take mail from Chungking. Under these circumstances Archibald Little, manager of the Chungking Transport Co., decided to organize a local post. The first issue was printed in Shanghai by Kelly & Walsh and went on sale February 1894.

These were followed by stamps printed in Japan, both issues featuring a pagoda situated on the Yangtse River opposite Chungking. The second municipality to take

Yangtse River opposite Chungking. The second municipality to take over the Shanghai Agency was Kiukiang. The local post was organized and the first issue, locally printed, went on sale June 1, 1894. Chingkiang was the third municipality and the fifth port to begin a local post. In 1894 it took over the Shanghai Agency and ordered stamps prepared by a firm in Shanghai. In July 1894 the first issue, lithographed by Tokyo Tsukiji Co. of Japan, went on sale, superseding the rectangular "Paid" chop. This issue shows a pagoda on Golden Island at Chinkiang.

A private individual, a Mr. Gregson, organized a local lost at Wuhu in July 1894. Stamps were ordered from a Shanghai printer and during the interim "Paid" chops were used. The many questionable research way the literage and the contract of the contract of

used. The many questionable rrors brought ill-repute to all Treaty Ports issues. Nevertheless the arrangement served a genuine postal need and was part of the Shanghai

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Postal System. The first stamps were issued in November 1894.

The seventh port organizing a local post was Ichang. The British Consul and various business men of Ichang formed a committee to organize a local post and to contract for stamps, with Tokyo Tsukiji Co. Japan. In December 1894 the first stamps went on sale at Ichang showing various Chinese characters, chops, sea otter, or pheasant, and on the high value, a map of the City of Ichang.

The Amoy Municipal Council took over the Shanghai Agency in November 1894, but used Shanghai stamps until April 1895, when the same firm that printed the stamps of Chefoo was engaged to print the first stamps of Amoy. Featuring an egret, these went on sale June 1895.

Foochow was the ninth port to take over the Shanghai Agency. The Committee of Public Works formed in August 1894, made arrangements with Waterlow & Sons for stamps. Superseding the interim "Paid" chop, these stamps, picturing a dragon boat, went on sale in August 1895.

The last port to establish a local post was Nanking. A committee of foreign residents took over the Shanghai Agency in 1895 and because of the 50 percent surcharge asked by Shanghai for the use of its stamps, made arrangements to have stamps printed in Japan. A "Paid" chop was used until the first issue appeared in September 1896. This issue pictured historical scenes around Nanking.

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Franciscan Order under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra. Father Serra has never been shown on a stamp, but two of his coworkers, Father Crespi and Father Gomez, may be seen in the design of the 10c Panama-Pacific issue of 1913 (U.S. A147), which depicts the discovery of San Francisco Bay. Father Crespi is buried beside Father Serra in front of the altar at Carmel mission.

Starting in the south at San Diego, the first mission founded, and travelling up the coast, the following missions, each a day's journey by horseback from the next, are encountered:

Mission San Diego de Alcala, founded 1769, practically destroyed by Indians in 1775, rebuilt 1780, restored in 1930, and now in perfect condition. It can be illustrated with stamps only if one remembers that San Diego is Spanish for St. James, who can be found on types A155, A169, A170, A173, and SP22 of Spain, and SP36 (B70) of Saar.

Mission San Luis Rey de Francia, 18th in order of founding, is the grandest and most prosperous of the entire group. Founded 1798, it is one of the few with an "asistencia", or branch mission. Louis IX, King of France, seen on France AP297, was the beloved king and fearless warrior who led the ill-fated seventh and eighth crusades in the 13th century.

Mission San Juan Capistrano, founded by Father Serra in 1776, is world famous for the swallows which, annually, on the same day return to their nests in the ruined church which was destroyed in the earthquake of 1812. Other restored buildings show the system of life in mission days. St. John of Capistrano, founded 1771, was removed to the present site five years later. One of wealthiest and most prosperous missions, it still in a good state of repair and still in use as parish church. The Archangel Gabriel, Biblical messenger of God, patron saint of the mails and philatelists, is represented on Spain A230, Argentina A188, France SP11 and A275, and stread on Spain A230, Argentina A188, France SP11 and A275, and stread on Spain A230, Argentina A188, France SP11 and A275, and Fer

sula. His likeness is seen on Spain A198.

Mission San Buenaventura, founded Easter Sunday 1782, is located in city of Ventura. The church building is all that remains of once extensive buildings, and is now a parish church. St. Bonaventura has not yet appeared on a stamp. General of the Franciscan Order in the 13th century, Pope Sixtus V ranked him as sixth of the great doctors of the church.

Mission Santa Barbara, founded 1786, has been since 1852 a Franciscan college. It possesses an interesting museum and extensive and valuable archives. It has always been under the control of the Franciscans since its founding. St. Barbara, patron saint of artillery, a Christian convert who was martyred in the third century at the hands of her own father, is seen kneeling at the left in Raphael's painting, the "Sistine Madonna", reproduced on East Germany OS77 (10N277).

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Mission Santa Ynes, founded 1804, is located at Solvang, Calif. The present church is restored from remains dating from 1817. St. Agnes, virgin martyr of the fourth century and patroness of young girls, a highly regarded saint of the early Church, has not yet been seen on stamps.

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has been under way from 1933 to the present time. St. Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, France, has not appeared on a stamp as yet.

Mission San Miguel Arcangel, established in 1797, is located in the town of San Miguel. It contains many unretouched paintings and decorations. The mission property passed from the Church in 1840 and remained in private hands until 1878, during which time one of the mission buildings was "the most popular saloon on El Camino Real". The Archangel Michael can be found on Belgium A30, A31, SP117, SP122g, Haiti A61, AP6 and AP7, Honduras AP58, Romania SP104, SP105, as well as Italy A370.

Mission San Antonio de Padua, most isolated of all the mission, ix miles from Jolon, Calif. Founded 1771, the third mission. In ruins for many years, now restored by William Randolph Hearst Foundation. St. Anthony of Padua, most active propagandist of the Franciscan Order, appears on Bolivia AP23, Italy A116, A117, A120, A121,

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Mission Nuestra Senora de la Soledad, founded 1791, became the most completely ruined of all the missions. Only the church building has been restored. So far as can be learned the Blessed Virgin has not yet appeared on stamps under the title of Our Lady of Solitude, to which this mission is dedicated.

Mission San Juan Bautista. The town of San Juan contains many historic buildings and landmarks, one of which is the mission founded in 1797. Not too much restoration has been done. The church has been in continuous use since its founding. St. John the Baptist has just recently been depicted on a stamp of Malta, number 262, showing the Baptism of Christ. Earlier he was shown as a child in da Vinci's Madonna of the Rocks on Italy A348, the child on the left.

Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo was the second mission in the chain, first located at Monterey, later removed to nearby Carmel. In ruins after 1836, it became parish

church in 1933 and has been largely

restored since. It contains grave of Fr. Serra, whose library may be seen in the museum. The only example of Gothic vaulting used in the Calif. missions is found in the chapel. St. Charles Borromeo, archbishop, cardinal, and great counter-reformationist of the sixteenth century is portrayed on Monaco type A63, number 270.

Mission Santa Cruz. Hardly any of the original remains. The present church is built in the exact propotions as the original, but only half the size. Date of founding was 1791. The Holy Cross can be seen on any of the numerous stamps depicting the crucifixion of Jesus, such as Belgium SP95 as well as on type A21 of St. Helena, which shows that saint with the True Cross which she reportedly discovered in Jerusalem in 326 A.D.

Mission Santa Clara de Asis was founded in 1777. The present church is the fourth to stand upon the site, earlier structures having been destroyed by earthquakes. The mission is now incorporated in the College of Santa Clara, the present church dating from 1926. St. Clara of Assisi, co-worker of St. Francis, foundress of the Poor Clares, is found on Italy A353 and Vatican City A57.

Mission San Jose de Guadalupe, located fifteen miles north of San Jose, Cal., was founded 1797. The work of the missionaries was retarded by Indian hostility. The present building is much restored, very little of the original remaining. St. Joseph, foster-father of Our Lord, can be seen on Dominican Republic A83, Hungary A111, and Spain A226.

Mission San Rafael Arcangel, was founded 1817, as a hospital mission to care for ailing Indians from San Francisco. Nothing remains of the original mission. The present church building is an extremely modern reconstruction incorporated in a large Catholic school. The Archangel Raphael is depicted on Type AP8 of Vatican City.

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